

MONUMENT LIGHTHOUSE CHARTER SCHOOL

2012-2013 Performance Analysis

Core Question 3: Is the school meeting its operations and access obligations?

3.1. Has the school satisfactorily completed all of its organizational and governance obligations?	
STANDARD	School has substantially completed all of its organizational and governance obligations as specified in the Compliance and Governance Handbook, including maintenance of adequate “compliance and governance binder” containing all required documents; completion of criminal background checks on all board members; transparency of meetings and decision-making in accordance with open meetings obligations; maintenance of adequate board minutes. Any concerns are minor and the school presents a credible plan to address them.

2012-13 Performance: Exceeds Standard

For the 2012-13 school year, Indianapolis Lighthouse Charter School completed all of its governance and organizational compliance obligation. Ms. Sarah Pies, who is the Regional Vice-President for LAI worked diligently the school leadership to ensure compliance in all areas required by the Mayor’s Office of Education Innovation Ms. Pies submits required documentation in advance of compliance due dates, and the information submitted is clear and concise. Criminal background checks, board member resumes, and updates are sent immediately upon changes.

Board meetings are transparent with public notices always posted in advance of meetings and board minutes reflect thoughtful discussions that cover key areas. However, the Lighthouse Academies of Indianapolis board has been challenged in engaging in thoughtful discussion that focuses on the performance of the two Indianapolis schools since meetings are conducted via conference call and all five schools are discussed. Board minutes which are prepared by LAI are organized and presented in a manner that accurately reflects meetings. However, the local board needs more clarity on policies procedures to ensure compliance with Indiana Open Door Law.

Indianapolis Lighthouse Charter Schools continues to meet all governance and organizational obligations in spite of the challenges of the board. Therefore Monument Lighthouse Charter School **exceeds standard** on this indicator as Regional Vice President did a good job in ensuring all obligations were met.

3.2. Is the school’s physical plant safe and conducive to learning?

STANDARD	Significant health and safety code requirements are being met AND the facility generally provides a safe environment that is conducive to learning, based on conditions such as: a design well-suited to meet the curricular and social needs of its students, faculty, and community members; a size appropriate for the enrollment and student-teacher ratios in each class; good maintenance and security; well-maintained equipment and furniture that match the educational needs of the students; and accessibility to all students.
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2012-13 Performance: Meets Standard

In 2012-13, the Monument Lighthouse Charter School facility met all health and safety code requirements and provided a safe environment conducive to learning. The facility's design, size, maintenance, security, equipment and furniture are all adequate to meet the school's needs. The school is accessible to all including people with physical disabilities. The Mayor's Office monitoring of MLCS's compliance with health and safety code requirements has not revealed any significant concerns related to these obligations. Accordingly, the school meets the Mayor's Office standard for this indicator.

3.3. Has the school established and implemented a fair and appropriate pupil enrollment process?	
STANDARD	The school's enrollment process complies with applicable law; there are minimal documented parent complaints suggesting that it is not being implemented fairly or appropriately; AND the school has engaged in outreach to students throughout the community.

2012-13 Performance: Meets Standard

Monument Lighthouse Charter School achieved a rating of "Meets Standard" for the 2012-13 school year. The school had both a lottery and an enrollment process that complies with Indiana charter school law in place. Additionally, the school provided evidence to indicate that it engaged in community outreach to recruit prospective students and families.

3.4. Is the school properly maintaining special education files for its special needs students?	
STANDARD	The school is fulfilling its legal obligations regarding special-needs students, as indicated by conditions such as the following: individualized education plans are up-to-date, student evaluations or re-evaluations have occurred within the appropriate timeframe, files contain the relevant required information, such as, file log sheet, parent consent form, documentation of case conference notification to parents and other conference participants and signatures of attendees at case conferences.

Not Evaluated. Monument Lighthouse Charter School was not evaluated on this indicator for 2012-13.

3.5. Is the school fulfilling its legal obligations related to access and services to English as a Second Language (ESL) students?	
STANDARD	The school is fulfilling its legal obligations regarding ESL students, as indicated by conditions such as the following: appropriate staff have a clear understanding of current legislation, research and effective practices relating to the provision of ESL services; relationships with students, parents, and external providers that are well-managed and comply with law and regulation.

Not Evaluated. Monument Lighthouse Charter School was not evaluated on this indicator for 2012-13.